

REMARKS

The application originally included claims 1-23. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-12, and 15-23 are canceled. Claims 3, 5, and 13 are amended, and new claims 24-43 are added. The abstract of the application is also amended. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 11, 12, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Of these claims, only claim 3 remains pending in the application. Claim 3 has been amended to recite that the base is adapted to support electrical equipment. This limitation is sufficiently definite to satisfy Section 112, second paragraph. For example, one of ordinary skill in the art can determine whether a base is adapted to support electrical equipment. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claims 1-6, 11, and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tomino, U.S. Patent No. 6, 719,149. In addition, claims 1-6 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shih, U.S. Patent No. 6,739,682. Neither of the references disclose or suggest all of the limitations of the claims. For example, neither of the references disclose a slide member coupled to a base that is operable to translate relative to the base, as recited in new claim 24. With respect to Tomino, the Examiner asserts that the bracket part 180 corresponds to the base of the claims and that the rail 190 corresponds to a slide, as recited in original claim 1. As described in Tomino, the rail is not operable to translate relative to the base. In addition, to the extent the tray part 110 described in Tomino could be asserted to be a base, the tray part 110 is not coupled to the rail 190. With respect to Shih, the Examiner asserts that the housing chamber 46 corresponds to a base and has a slide attached thereto. Shih does not, however disclose or suggest a slide member that is both coupled to a base and that is operable to translate relative to the base.

In addition to the distinguishing limitations of claim 24, the claims that depend from claim 24 also include additional limitations that further distinguish the claims from the cited art.

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Accordingly, claim 24 and its dependent claims are allowable over both the Tomino and Shih references.

New independent claim 39 recites a center slide member adapted for coupling to a base of a support shelf and operable to translate relative to the base and an outer slide member adapted for coupling to the center slide member and operable to translate relative to the center slide member. Neither of the references disclose or suggest these features. In addition, neither of the references disclose or suggest the limitations of new independent claim 43. Accordingly, claims 39-43 are allowable over the cited art.

The Examiner further rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomino and further in view of Zoellner, U.S. Patent No. 5,215,362. Neither Zoellner nor any of the other references of record overcome the deficiencies of Tomino or Shih. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable.

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